

JULY 8, 2010

REVISED NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the **Health & Hospitals Committee** of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County on **Wednesday, July 14, 2010** at the hour of **11:00 A.M.** in the Board Room, Room 569, County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois to consider the following:

1. To discuss and approve the Cook County Health and Hospitals System's Strategic Plan

COUNTY BOARD AGENDA ITEM #30

Transmitting a Communication from

WARREN L. BATTS, Chairman, Cook County Health & Hospitals System Board
and

WILLIAM T. FOLEY, Chief Executive Officer, Cook County Health & Hospitals System

Pursuant to the Ordinance establishing the Cook County Health & Hospitals System, the Board of Directors of the Health System respectfully submits the Health System's Five-Year Strategic and Financial Plan to the Cook County Board of Commissioners for its approval.

The Health System began the planning process for its Five-Year Strategic and Financial Plan in May of 2009. This process entailed extensive community input and participation from a variety of stakeholders. At the outset of the process, as well as while the Plan evolved, the Health System conducted a series of Town Hall meetings for the public throughout the County. The Health System also held a series of employee, staff and physician Town Hall meetings at various System Affiliates. In addition, over 500 patients and other stakeholders were interviewed regarding their assessment of the County's healthcare needs and the Health System's current state.

System leadership and staff have been closely involved in all phases of the planning process. Physicians and staff participated in four (4) Service Line Working Groups established to make recommendations on the configuration of the delivery of healthcare services in critical areas.

The Five-Year Strategic and Financial Plan presented for the County Board's approval is the culmination of this collaborative process. The ultimate goal of the Plan is to provide more access and more care within available resources. The guiding principle of the planning process was to create a healthcare delivery framework to provide for more appropriate access to care for the vulnerable population in Cook County within available resources.

In support of the Health System's mission, the vision of the Five-Year Strategic and Financial Plan is that the Health System will be recognized locally, regionally, and nationally – and by patients and employees – as a progressively evolving model for an accessible, integrated, patient-centered, and fiscally responsible healthcare system focused on assuring high quality care and improving the health of residents of Cook County.

The Ordinance establishing the Health System provides that the County Board shall approve each Strategic and Financial Plan if, in its judgment, the Strategic and Financial Plan is complete, is reasonably capable of being achieved, and meets the requirements set forth in the Ordinance. After the System Board submits a Strategic and Financial Plan to the President and the County Board, the County Board shall approve or reject such Strategic and Financial Plan within 45 days or such Strategic and Financial Plan is deemed approved.

The Health System Board respectfully requests that this item be referred to the Health & Hospitals Committee.

***Note: That this committee meeting will be held pending the County Board's referral of this item to the Health & Hospitals Committee at the Cook County Board Meeting of July 13, 2010.**

Matthew B. DeLeon, Secretary

Chairman: Butler
Vice-Chairman: Goslin
Members: Committee of the Whole